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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Bruce E. Snow
Donald R. RICCI, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 09/744,916	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 8554
Filed: June 27, 2001	)	
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For: SMALL VESSEL EXPANDABLE	)	August 1, 2006
STENT AND METHOD FOR	:	
PRODUCTION OF SAME	)	

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Commissioner of Patents  
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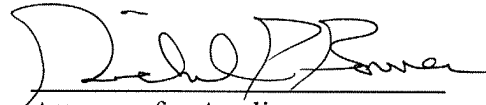
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the August 1, 2005 Office Action for an additional four months, from April 1, 2006 to August 1, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time and Notice of Appeal with requisite fees, were filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 1, 2006. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 \$1,590.00 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees believed due in connection with the filing of this Petition for Extension of Time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Bauer", written over a horizontal line.

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